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For: Tracing Layer2 Route in Networks Based on Broadcast Medium	Atty. Docket: CSCO-007/3484

Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

We, Sailaja S K ATTILI and Sridhar ASWATHNARAYAN, declare as follows:

1. We are the co-inventors of claims 1-45 pending in the above-identified patent application.
2. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of a portion (redacted in parts) of the detailed specification document, prepared by us, entitled, "Catalyst Layer2 Trace Functional And Design Specification". The specification document, including the portion, were created on a date prior to January 24, 2001. The actual dates of Exhibit D have been removed.
3. Sections '2.0 Problem Definition', '3.0 Feature Description and Implementation', and '5.0 User Interface', among others, of Exhibit D demonstrate that we had conceived of a system and method for tracing layer-2 route in networks based on broadcast medium.

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4. During a time from prior to January 24, 2001 until at least April 2, 2001, we diligently worked on filing a patent application directed to the present invention. Specifically, in that duration, we provided detailed information first to the patent committee of our employer, who decided to file a patent application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for the present invention. We then worked with the attorney of record, Mr. Narendra Thappeta, to provide the information contained in the subject patent application, review and comment upon one or more drafts of the subject patent application, execute the declaration and assignment documents, and send the same to Mr. Thappeta.

5. On April 2, 2001, the present/subject patent application, which has been assigned Application Serial No. 09/824,844, was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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